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March 5, 2003

Ref: 2234-19988

Honorable James H. Welsh Commissioner of Conservation Post Office Box 94275 Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re:

Hearing Application
Alliance Sand, Reservoir B
Alliance 2 Sand, Reservoir B
SOUTHWEST GUEYDAN FIELD
Vermilion Parish, Louisiana

Applicant: The Meridian Resource & Exploration, LLC

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of The Meridian Resource & Exploration, LLC for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Alliance Sand, Reservoir B and Alliance 2 Sand, Reservoir B, Southwest Gueydan Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.

Alliance Sand, Reservoir B

- To create a single drilling and production unit of approximately 320 acres for the Alliance Sand, Reservoir B, designated as the ALL RB SUA, Southwest Gueydan Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
- The Alliance Sand, Reservoir A was previously defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 886, effective January 18, 1972, and redefined in Office of Conservation order No. 886-B-1, effective November 1, 1978.

Alliance 2 Sand, Reservoir B

 To create a single drilling and production unit of approximately 607 acres for the Alliance 2 Sand, Reservoir B. Hon. James H. Welsh March 5, 2003 Page 2-

For the above Sands

- To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the said units;
- To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the units so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
- To consider such other matters relating to the subject reservoir as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing.

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, the Commissioner of Conservation, the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation and all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties known to the applicant after a reasonable search were notified in writing in the pre-application notice dated February 21, 2003 that a conference to discuss the proposed application was tentatively scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 17, 2003. It was stated at that time that this conference would be held only if a request to confer were received by the undersigned within ten (10) calendar days after the date of the pre-application notice. No requests to confer were received either in writing or by telephone and, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, the tentatively scheduled conference WILL NOT BE HELD.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof are plats outlining the ALL RB SUA and ALL 2 RB SUA, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties.

Upon receipt of the legal notice in the captioned matter, the notice will be posted, published and mailed in accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed unit can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Cutright & Hardwick, P. O. Box 80972, Lafayette, Louisiana 70598 (337) 232-7756.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$1,510.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

B. J. Duplantis



